

SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraphs starting on page 5, line 18 with the following:

Figures 5A-5B are block diagrams ~~Figure 5 is a block diagram~~ of an object oriented software distribution framework (SWDF) architecture, one embodiment of the present invention.

Figures 6A-6F are block diagrams ~~Figure 6 is a block diagram~~ of UML object model including designations for classes, attributes and operations included in one embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraphs starting on page 20, line 8 with the following:

The present invention comprises a comprehensive object oriented software architecture (e.g., via a Cisco XML-Based environment) that is flexibly adaptable (e.g., extensible, scaleable, etc.) to accommodate numerous features. Figures 5A-5B are block diagrams ~~Figure 5 is a block diagram~~ of object-oriented software distribution, framework (SWDF) architecture 500, one embodiment of the present invention. This software distribution framework is utilized to facilitate automated management of software distribution information and software distribution operations. In one exemplary implementation of the present invention, SWDF architecture 500 objects are tied to a variety of different databases permitting easy and controlled access to large amounts of information associated with numerous software distribution activities. For example, databases associated with activities that are otherwise independent and uncoordinated (such as software development, marketing, purchasing, licensing, delivery, etc.) are conveniently tied together by objects included in (SWDF) architecture 500.

In one embodiment of the present invention, SWDF modules manage the software distribution information and activities in accordance with SWDF models. Figures 6A-6F are block diagrams ~~Figure 6 is a block diagram~~ of UML object model 600, one embodiment of the present invention including exemplary indications of classes, attributes and operations. The UML object model 600 stores and organizes tree based extendible information. The objects of UML object model 600 correspond to the objects of object-oriented software distribution framework (SWDF) architecture 500.